

Political Chit Chat.

The Palatka Times-Herald, one of the best Florida weeklies that reaches our exchange table, is making its columns very newsworthy in furnishing a good deal of chit chat and horoscoping.

The following is from its last issue:

"Tom McBeath, the well known educator and editor of Jacksonville, would make Florida an ideal superintendent of schools. He is brainy, progressive and ambitious, so should Sheats decide to make the race for governor, we might have the pleasure of seeing McBeath holding down an office in Tallahassee."

"Wonder if Guy Metcalf will be a factor in the 1904 campaign? From present indications he will be."

"The primary is the popular thing, and J. 'Makeplatform' Barrs having been one of the prime movers in its adoption, it will prove a great vote catcher for him in the 1904 campaign."

"We learn from a reliable source that Jas. E. Broome is receiving much encouragement in his race for secretary of state. Some of the papers are already predicting a 'clean sweep' for him."

"While outwardly it would appear that things politically are very quiet, still, under the surface there is much activity. Politicians are not in the habit of remaining inactive, and though they may seem to be resting, at the same time they are doubtless busily engaged in wire pulling and otherwise preparing for the campaign."

"If the man with the largest purse got the political plums in the primary, it would be just as well for the other candidates to leave the congressional field open to Barrs and Fildes. The former owns valuable property in Jacksonville, while the latter a million dollars' worth of stock in a foreign company. They are both law-ye's."

"There is more than one paper in the state ridiculing Willis L. Palmer for having congressional aspirations. From the general opinion it appears that he would stand a much better chance of nomination were the convention rule still in vogue."

"No doubt the campaign in 1904 will be the most notable ever waged in Florida. Judging by the number of candidates already in the field and the interest now being manifested, we cannot help believing that it would be a regular South Carolina affair."

"It is now claimed by some of his enemies that the people of Jacksonville will vote for Barrs merely in order to get him out of town. If such is the case what will they do with his friend, Stockton?"

Buzz From the Saws.

Avant, ye grumblers.

Prate not of floods and fires, of strikes and car shortages, of lack of money.

Shall we refuse to be thankful because with the many blessings we have mixed a few evils? We trow not.

All over this broad country was spread the feast of thanksgiving, and the day of rejoicing has been celebrated not merely with good cheer and a holiday spirit but in the hearts of the people.

They would have been thankful for lesser mercies, but in the abounding good which they have enjoyed they have forgotten all that at other seasons they might complain of.

They have been thankful not only for material blessings, but for the undaunted spirit and the inborn strength which have been pushing this nation onward and upward.

Those who toil in the forest, mill or yard, and those of lumber manufacture and trade who have seen their capital increase and their profits multiply in this year of abounding prosperity, rejoice with the rest of the people.

Providence has been good to the lumbermen in 1902, and it was but fitting that due acknowledgement should be made in grateful hearts and social celebration, if not by attendance in church or vocal praise.—American Lumberman.

President Roosevelt may not be exactly color blind, as they claim—but he, at least, sees through a glass darkly.—Atlanta Journal.

A Change in The Observance of Thanksgiving.

A glance at the newspapers the day after Thanksgiving convinces one of the change that has taken place in the observance of the day in the last few years. The news columns were filled with accounts of football games and other sports. The theaters gave special performances and were reported as thronged afternoon and night. Altogether the observance of the day was decidedly different from what it was a few years ago. Thanksgiving has come to be recognized as a day of thankfulness and joy; as a day when the ordinary cares of business are to be forgotten and family ties are to be strengthened; when the brighter side of life is to be enjoyed, and when the coming of night is to find a peaceful and contented land. The modern view frowns upon no healthful amusement which contributes to the family's pleasure. For it looks upon happiness as a necessary part of thanksgiving.—Desota County News.

No Bachelors Wanted.

One of the small states composing the Argentine Republic has no use for bachelors. The law holds that a man is marriageable when he is 20. The exchequer gives point to the opinion by taxing all bachelors of between 20 and 30 \$5 a month. After 30 and up to 35 the tax increases 100 per cent. Between 35 and 50 single blessedness costs \$20 a month. From his 60 to his 75th year a bachelor may follow his own wild road by paying in \$30 dollars a month. After that comes relief. The vicious example of a bachelor between 75 and 80 is considered to be neutralized by the payment of only \$20 a year, and when the 80th birthday is passed the treasury finally ceases from worrying. A widower is given three years in which to mourn and choose a successor, but a man who can prove that he had proposed and been refused three times within one year is considered to have earned immunity.

Stovall Looks a Classic.

The Jacksonville Metropolis has a front page cartoon of Editors Stovall, of Tampa, and Harris, of Ocala, doing the Alphonso-Gaston act over the Florida gubernatorial chair, while Bob Davis has cut loose from his congressional balloon and is descending on the chair in a parachute. Were it not for the excellent portrayal of Editor Stovall's handsome countenance, his classic figure would be easily recognized by the cut of his carefully reefed trousers and the fit of his characteristic dress coat.—Tifton (Ga.) Gazette.

South Florida Ethics.

From the following which is taken from the Palmetto News of 27th inst. we take it that there is no improvement in the tone of journalism in that section.

"How a respectable community like Braidentown can afford to allow this sore headed spalpeen; this freak of the 20th century—a 'cross between a pole cat and a cholera epidemic'; a stench in the nostrils of civilization, to hang around in their vicinity, is as great a mystery as the disappearance of Terra Ceia's 29 votes for Knight and Vanderipe."

More Railways for South Florida.

South Florida is destined to be the scene of much activity in railroad construction during the coming year. Surveys have been made for an extension of the East Coast road in the Everglades, and the Miami Metropolis says that a survey will be made as far south as Cape Sable. Meantime, the Seaboard Air Line is having a survey made to Boca Grande, on the Gulf coast. There they find twenty-two feet of water and a good harbor. St. Augustine Record.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

The biological stations of the New England coast have solved the problem of lobster culture. Several thousand of the young fry are put into a cylindrical scrim bag about three feet in diameter and four feet deep, and the water in the submerged bag is constantly agitated by a dasher driven by a gasoline engine. This prevents the fry from smothering or devouring one another, at the same time keeping their food of soft clam fragments within reach. In nine to sixteen days from the eggs the creatures are able to take care of themselves, this stage being reached by 16 to more than 40 per cent of the fry, although no previous experiment had even one per cent of survivors.

It is announced from Washington that the gold dollars to be struck in commemoration of the Centennial Celebration of the Louisiana Purchase by the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, will be ready in December of this year. Two designs will be used, one the head Jefferson, who negotiated the great purchase, the other the head of McKinley, who issued the proclamation of the World's Fair. The number will be limited to 250,000. They will be placed on sale by the treasurer of the World's Fair, the act of congress which authorized the issue permitting this to be done under the proper bond. They will be sold at a premium.

We especially enjoy, says a valued subscriber writing from Washington, D. C., your editorials on the constantly occurring problems of life, which I suppose might be classed under the head of "Sociology," the advantages of materialism as compared with spiritualism, and modern methods against mossback methods, the controlling of action on present problems by the dictates of reason rather than by time honored customs and ancient precedents. Of course, we enjoy the news, and are glad to see that Ocala seems to be improving a little.

The Fernandina Port Review for the month of November says that the market of Florida hard rock is much firmer, and disposable quantities appear to be limited, the demands, especially from Germany are inclined to be pressing, and sellers can hope for an improvement in prices. The outlook is good for large shipments during November and December. Rates for foreign shipments November 1st, 11 and 12 shillings. The rock quoted at \$600.

Mr. Flagler has set a splendid example for other railroad owners to follow. What we need most in this section is the institution of a policy that will not build up seaport cities at the expense of all interior cities. Florida should at least have one interior city.

The Dayton (Ohio) Journal says any white man would be honored by sitting at dinner with some negroes. It is more of a truth to say that some white men would be honored by sitting at dinner with any negro—and the Dayton writer is evidently one of that kind.—Atlanta Journal.

Tom Ochiltree is dead and the Louisville Courier-Journal closes a beautiful tribute to his memory in the following words: "He was a very able and trustworthy gentleman as ever raised a goblet to his lips or looked into loving eyes."

Governor McMillan, of Tennessee, says that state uniformity in text books saves \$250,000 annually to the people of that state. Why not try such a law in Florida?

The Wewahatchka News says that the name of that little town is as easily pronounced as the name of any town in Florida. The following is the pronunciation, viz: We-wa-hitch-ka. It is certainly very pretty and very musical.



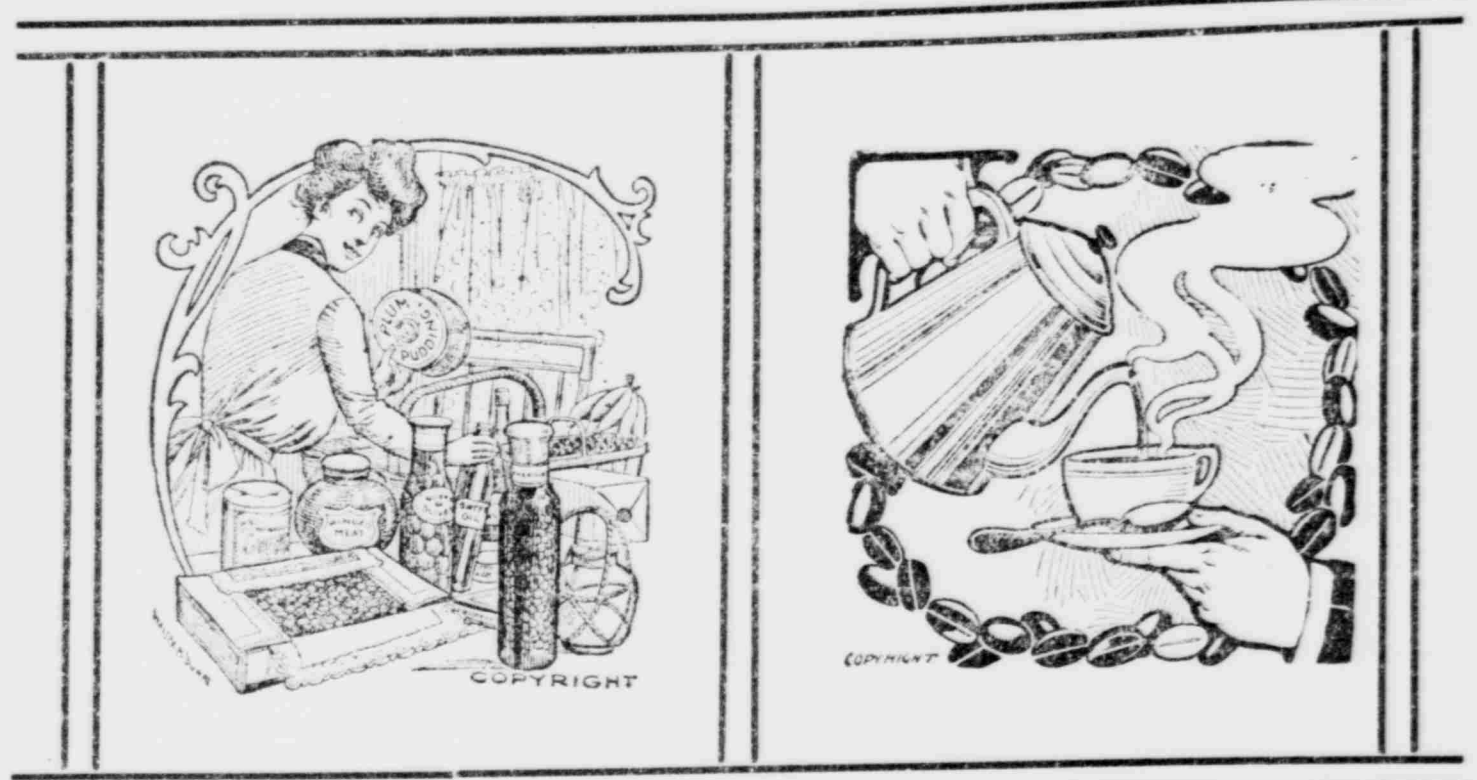
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The World's Output of Wheat and Corn.

Toward the world's wheat crop the United States contributed in the five years 1896-1900 20.7 per cent., while for the year 1901 its contribution to the world's production of wheat amounted to 25 per cent. During the year 1896-1900 there were grown 14,700,000,000 bushels of oats in the world, and of this 3,740,000,000 bushels or 25 per cent. were produced by the United States.

The world's total product of corn for the years 1895-1900 fluctuated between 2,600,000,000 and 3,000,000,000 bushels per annum, a total of 16,600,000,000 for the period, with an annual average of 2,770,000,000. Of this amount the United States alone produced 15,400,000,000 an average of 2,070,000,000 bushels per annum, or 75 per cent of the world's crop.

Why Not?

All of the newspaper writers, who are hunting for a presidential candidate for the democratic party, neglect the south. There are some able men in the south, men in every way worthy of the honor of leading the democratic party in a presidential contest and capable of filling the office of president creditably. Why not seek a candidate in the south?—Savannah News.

A Formidable Competitor.

One thing is certain, Gov. W. S. Jennings will be in the race for the senate two years hence. That he will prove a formidable opponent to Messrs. Taliaferro and Stockton there can be no denying, for he has the backing of some of the most influential men in the state.—Palatka Herald.

One on Watterson.

Colonel Watterson went, alas, to the horse show, thus showing that he does not practice what he preaches.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The brown fungus is destroying the dreaded white fly in the orange groves in Lee county and the growers there are hopeful and happy.

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